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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the senior-level staffing of the United Nations peacemaking and peace-keeping efforts related to the former Yugoslavia.

Last May, Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg was appointed as both my Special Representative and Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia. At that time it was hoped that the Vance-Owen Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina would shortly be agreed and that thereafter the main focus of United Nations activities in the former Yugoslavia would be implementation of that Plan on the ground, together with continuing efforts to implement the Vance Plan related to the United Nations Protected Areas in Croatia.

However, as the members of the Security Council are aware, the Vance-Owen Plan was not accepted and Mr. Stoltenberg remains heavily engaged in continuing negotiations. This leaves him insufficient time to carry out in full the functions of Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Chief of Mission of UNPROFOR.

Accordingly, and after consulting Mr. Stoltenberg and contacting the Heads of Government and other parties directly concerned in the former Yugoslavia, I have come to the conclusion that the resumption of negotiations in Geneva, following the meeting there between the Foreign Ministers of the European Union, the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the Conference and the parties on 29 November 1993, makes it necessary to separate the functions of Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee and Special Representative.

It is my intention that Mr. Stoltenberg should continue to serve as Co-Chairman and that Mr. Yasushi Akashi, until recently my Special Representative for Cambodia, should be appointed to the post of Special Representative for the former Yugoslavia and Chief of Mission of UNPROFOR. I have so informed the Heads of Government and other parties directly concerned in the former Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council. Meanwhile, I shall make the necessary budgetary arrangements.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI